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Old fashion ways haven't been plowed under



An active preservation has grown up not being the opportunity to see horses at work in a field. But Ted Bruner managed to put his four Clydesdale-Percheron crosses to work regularly on his farm a few kilometers north of Evansburg.

A fulltime employee in the Drayton Valley office of Mobil Oil, Bruner has become a collector of horsepower implements, not so much for their display value, but because he makes use of them.

This means he and his wife, Bea, will spend much of their holidays and spare time visiting museums and estates in search of tools and equipment.

He threshed last year and the year before, but didn't harvest with horses this year. However, he plowed about 12 acres this fall, mostly with a 16 Oliver sixteen-inch sulley and a four-up team. The final half-acre was hay land that hadn't been worked for about five years and he dragged a horse to go three abreast with a John Deere sixteen-inch sulley.

How long did it take him to do the work? "I know they'll average two-and-a-half miles per hour," he said, and with a sixteen-inch sulley he estimated that the job took about four days spread over the last of the summer and early fall.

"These horses are just starting to put in shape," he said. "They shakedown are starting to pull down and harden up."

That's good because Bruner recently bought a grader and intends to level his yard before the snow flies.

— Photos by Stuart Adams

Executive takes first steps

By Phil Courville

The Drayton Valley Senior Games Executive has taken its first few steps as it slowly gathers momentum for the Games to be held in 1985.

Games' Chairman Les Ransman and town council have assembled a "dynamic" group of organizers representing a large cross-section of the community, including representatives from local service groups.

Along with Ransman and first vice-chairman John Hansen, the executive includes Martin Preston (administration portfolio), Don Howarth (sports), Dwight Campbell (pastor), and Lorne St. Clair (transportation). Bob Barker (arts and communication), Wayne Roth (friends of the games), Chad Nichol (grounds), and Linda Thompson (special events). As well as his duties as vice-chairman, Ransman will be responsible for the food and accommodation portfolio.

Parish County Reeve Maurice McCullagh, town Mayor Bob Mayhew and Dr. Hank Shimbashi were also appointed vice-chairmen.

"They're a dynamic group when you consider the resources and talent they command," Ransman said. "They're very dynamic."

"And it'll take a dynamic group to hold this together and make it the Games we want."

By the summer of 1986 the executive will be responsible for the more than 700 volunteers needed to assist the Games which will attract an estimated 2,000 participants, spectators and media to Drayton Valley and the surrounding area.

Now two meetings ago, the 14-member committee is waiting for a detailed report from the 1984 Senior Games held in Camrose before initiating any major plans.

"Right now, we're still in the infant stage," Ransman said, adding the executive will meet with its counterpart from Camrose sometime in the near future to discuss organization, budgeting and their past experience with the games.

Camrose has held the Senior Games since they began in 1980.

In one of its first moves, the executive applied for status under the provincial Societies Act which will allow the group to be eligible for an initial \$25,000 grant from the Alberta Games Council. In all, the council will allocate \$100,000 for the Games' operational costs.

The community may also be eligible for more indirect grants — possibly as much as \$200,000 in addition to the council grant — from the government to assist municipal and recreational development needed for the Games, Ransman said.

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Photo by Debbie Bunchak

Long distance move

When Lewis and his family needed a building for their new business, they decided the old Sunshine Ford building would do just fine. There was only one problem, the building is on Alder Flats, the building is

Drayton Valley. The pair called on Bonanza Motors from Red Deer to relocate the structure to its new site Monday. The move cost the Sells \$11,000.

Kindergarten to hold public idea session

Just because your child is a preschooler, doesn't mean he or she can't become involved with the community. According to the Drayton Valley Community Kindergarten Association, there are a number of programs available for youngsters not yet in school and a meeting dealing with the topic will be held Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the kindergarten.

"We want to inform parents on what the community has to offer for children," explained kindergarten program coordinator Marlene Pausa, noting this is the first time such a session has been offered.

"If you want your child to be an organized, well-supervised program,

this is where to find out what's available." Pausa said the evening will begin with a humorous skit dealing with children's play, followed by presentations from parents whose kids are involved with local organizations.

As well, she said the association has information available on in-home activities for children, but the main focus will be placed on local organizations available.

"It depends on what you want for your child," she said.

"This is our first attempt at it, but there are quite a few families in town and we just want to invite everyone out."

Two locals win scholarships

Two Drayton Valley residents have been awarded provincial education scholarships to assist career development. Lois Davis and Susan Sawyer were among 56 Albertans recently awarded a Michael Lockovich Scholarship for Career Development to help upgrade education and training. The tri-yearly award recognizes and rewards persons who have shown "exceptional ability and are taking training in their chosen careers."

The 56 provincial recipients shared some \$16,000 in scholarship monies. Davis and Sawyer received a combined total of more than \$1,400. The scholarship awards \$120,000 annually.

Sawyer is currently at Alberta College taking a three-month computer course while Davis is currently registered for business courses with Athabasca University.

The awards are intended to assist with direct educational expenses such as tuition, books and supplies and are open to Albertans employed in the province for three consecutive years.

The Michael Lockovich Scholarship is part of the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund which has awarded more than \$25.8 million to more than 10,000 Albertans since its inception in 1981.

Job experience an asset for senior students

By Carol Dietrich

Being young and having no job experience to offer prospective employers is a definite disadvantage in today's workplace.

In a continuing effort to give Grade 12 high school students an opportunity to take part in the working world and make them aware of the responsibilities involved, Frank Mastenok high school offers a work experience program.

A part of the curriculum since about 1970, the program "gives students a complete choice of the kind of work they want to do," said work experience coordinator Joanne Miner.

And the program's success stems from that freedom of choice. "It's been extremely successful," she said. "We've gotten incredible support from the community and high interest from the students involved."

"It acts as a bridge to the working world and growing up."

About half of the Grade 12 students take part in the work experience program which is solely offered to the senior high school class. "We don't feel the other students have the maturity level necessary to deal with the responsibility of work and school."

"By Grade 12 they know more about what they want to do and are more responsible and confident."

A wide variety of businesses accommodate the students. This semester students are at places such as the RCMP office, travel agency, auto body shop, accountant office, hairdressing shop, kindergarten, battery store and The Western Review.



Photo by Carol Dietrich

In the classroom, Ray Lainchbury uses a grain enlarger to focus a picture.

"Students put in applications to see as to where they want to be sent. We don't have the kids getting their own jobs," Miner said.

They must put in 120 hours to earn five credits and many put in double the amount of time for 10 credits. Generally three hours each school day for five months is spent in work experience.

Some choose to go to more than one place for work experience. "The program is designed to work around the students."

"In consultation with the kids and they come in once a month to discuss how work experience is going," Miner visits all the work experience employers as well.

She keeps a file on each student in the program. Both students and employers make use of the files for job recommendations and references.

"Work experience often leads to summer and part-time jobs or apprenticeships."

Students like Ray Lainchbury, who is present by at The Western Review, appreciate the chance to get some firsthand experience. "It will give me an idea of the stumbling blocks I might face in the working world," he said.

"Work experience is a good thing for people who have never held down a job before."

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New courses offered at Breton

By Debbie Bunchak

If you've always wanted to know how to shake up a martini or whip up a costume, now's your chance.

Breton Further Education Council has come up with six new courses for the fall ranging from milology to Halloween costume and make-up preparation.

Program coordinator Jessica Johnston said courses will go ahead if registration numbers are met.

"I expect turnouts will be a little slow this time of year," she said, adding the experts more in interest with winter sessions.

Coming just in time for Halloween, Oct. 18 and Oct. 28, are two sessions dealing with costumes and make-up.

The course runs from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. each day and registrants are asked to bring enough paper for pattern cutting and be prepared for modelling.

Anyone interested in how to prepare exotic drinks may want to take in the "mixology and Christmas cheer" course which runs for six sessions, Oct. 18-Nov. 22 from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Johnston said the course focuses on equipping and stocking your home bar, mixing unusual drinks and includes recipes for complimentary snacks.

"Photographically Speaking" is another new addition for fall programming, with a three hour course Oct. 25 especially for camera buffs.

"This deals with proper lighting techniques, how to set up people and other skills used in photography," explained Johnston.

And for people with a weight problem, a special session called "Losing to Win" based on nutritional thinking, dressing to look and feel better and the psychological aspects connected with the situation will be held Nov. 1.

Other new courses include feather parrot tending, time management, and Christmas craft sessions.

Johnston also notes time has been set aside Nov. 9 and Nov. 16 for "meet your neighbor" gatherings.

"We'd like to have more community awareness and open perspective in various things," she explained. "It's also very hard to meet people in a small community so hopefully this will help."



Photo by Debbie Bunchak

Program coordinator Jessica Johnston.

Another aspect of the meetings is to help gather food for the newly opened food bank in Breton.

"We just started a food bank and people haven't really been exposed to it," said Johnston of the operation set up in the Lucky Dollar store.

"We want to make it a community responsibility and get people involved."

As a result, the entrance fee for the get acquainted socials will include canned goods for the bank.

Registration and information for all Further Education Council programs is available through the village office.

School evaluation scheduled for March

For several years the Alberta Department of Education has been evaluating schools in the province to pinpoint both positive and negative curriculum and teaching practices in the system.

H.W. Pickup principal Colin Cavanagh and Parkland County Area Supervisor Marvin Tkachuk have requested such an evaluation for Drayton Valley's public junior high school to be made mid-March 1985.

The two other Grade 7-9 schools in the county have already been assessed and this last evaluation "will give us an overall picture of the quality of education at the junior high level in this county," said Tkachuk.

"The Department of Education did evaluations on a large number of junior high schools in Edmonton and Calgary," he said. "We're interested to see how rural schools stack up."

"It's not often that we get paid on the back," Cavanagh said. "We think we're doing a good job and we'd like them to confirm it."

Both Tkachuk and Cavanagh will meet with leaders of the team of specialists who will conduct the evaluation. "We'll all have to discuss who is available and pick out the specific areas we want to study," Tkachuk said.

Counselling services, courses offered and administration are some of the areas that may be looked at.

"The specialists will comment on what a school's strong points are and what needs to be improved," the superintendent added. "We like to get an outside point of view."

"They could come up with some ideas that might benefit the school," said Cavanagh, adding that he spoke with the principal of the junior high school in Stony Plain.

The results of the H.W. Pickup evaluation are expected next June.

There are no plans at present for other schools in Drayton Valley to be assessed. "The east end of the county has had several schools evaluated," Tkachuk added.

Other schools undergoing evaluation this school year are Selkirk's Grade 1-3 school, Muir Lake Community School and Meridian Heights school in Stony Plain.

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Opinions



Leaves turning color

The fall colors aren't as brilliant in black and white, but the different shades are still evident in the foliage along the river as the North Saskatchewan rolls through countryside.

Still hope for senior hockey

The demise of a hockey team doesn't seem cause for an editorial, but the loss of the Flyers senior men's hockey team should be considered from several angles.

Drayton Valley, like many other communities, has a tradition of senior hockey. For years the winters in Saskatchewan and Alberta were spiced by intramural rivalries. Unfortunately, the Flyers have had to compete with the newfound Alberta heroes of television and the National Hockey League. What line in Drayton Valley can compare to the Gresty-Kurt-Kushelinski trio? How many real hockey fans have taken the step up to the NHL and purchased season's tickets while the rest faithfully tune in to Hockey Night in Canada?

When competitive professional hockey is so readily available on television it has to be difficult to draw the local fans out, especially when the so-called home NHL team is winning.

And let's not forget the emergence of the recreational leagues and the increased participation in them. That has to be recognized as a good thing in that it will soon provide a talent pool to from which to draw. Let's not just let senior hockey's head, let's just say it's in a rebuilding stage.

Newspaper content based on variables

After a while in this business you tend to take some aspects of it for granted. But a couple of recent discoveries have made me aware that this can be a somewhat mysterious business, even though a newspaper has a high profile in the community.

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My reaction was, "Sorry, but that's pay for the course." Every Monday I light up my

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calculator and add up our total advertising lineages and decide how many pages we'll run. The number I'm trying to get closest to is, you guessed it, 80 per cent.

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Now look, I've run out of space and I haven't even scratched the surface of "What is news?" Stay tuned, and in the meantime my office is only a phone call away for any other questions you may have.

Fall sparks action

Children aren't the only ones who benefit from this time of the year; for them it means a return to school where new friendships are made and old ones renewed.

Fall is a beautiful time of the year when the cool of the winter has not yet replaced the heat of the summer.

Families went their separate ways during the summer vacation time and a common expression seemed to be "Wait 'til we get back from holidays." Organizing events were always difficult because of a lack of interested people.

But the crisp fall air has an invigorating quality that gets in people's blood and makes them want to do something constructive. Hobbies, crafts, further education, sports — all these areas draw participants through the fall and then the winter months.

At last count there were somewhere in the neighborhood of 120 clubs, groups and organizations in Drayton Valley and the surrounding area.

It's a surprising figure when you realize how many opportunities there are for creative recreation in this community.

Your Comment

Do you think the Queen's visit to Canada is worthwhile?



Tom Husina
Drayton Valley

Yes, it's worthwhile. She's a nice lady. As long as we're in the empire it's good to see her and what she is like.



Patrick Dunn
Drayton Valley

Sure. It's good for her to have a look around and look at our new government.



Bill Othman
Edmonton

I'm not a strong supporter of the monarchy. She isn't really a governing person. But it's still a good idea. Anything that raises people's spirits is good.

Fred Johnson
Vancouver

Yes. After all we are British subjects. We have followed her all our lives. I believe her visit is a good thing. It's good for the children.

Margaret Benkel
Drayton Valley

Sure. She's someone to admire and respect. It's a good idea.



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Creative cavemen

E.W. Picking had a dream on Sept. 23. Grade 7 students Shara Kyrta (left), David Tranden (center) and Robert Kenny dreamed as cavemen.

Their grade's theme. Kids in Grade 8 came as Romans and royalty was the Grade 9 theme. The teachers were to dream up as futuristic creatures.

County teachers ready for bargaining

Members of the local Alberta Teachers Association (ATA) are ready to begin bargaining a new contract with the County of Parkland, says president Ben Dahl.

For the first time in more than a decade the ATA will bargain locally with Parkland after the system withdrew from the North Central (West) School Authorities Association.

The ATA's economic policy committee, elected last spring, has already begun to survey the approximately 600 teachers about the types of changes wanted in the contract, says Dahl.

From that a state must will be prepared

and taken to a general meeting held before the end of October. Negotiations with Parkland must begin by Oct. 31 and either side can open by submitting a proposal, Dahl said.

The ATA's collective agreement with the County of Parkland expires Dec. 31. Dahl says the ultimate aim is to conclude negotiations before the contract expires.

In 1983, teachers went almost eight months without an agreement, before settling for a two-year contract. "It was unusual that negotiations took that length of time," Dahl comments.

Dealing with local

school officials rather than the MCSAA may help speed 1985 negotiations, he adds. "We'll be dealing pie outside our area."

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Funds committed for upgrading

Drayton Valley town council committed up to \$100,000 towards street upgrading at its Sept. 20 meeting.

The decision stems from a five-year street upgrading program through Alberta Transportation which will grant \$480,000 towards the project on the basis of local financial commitment.

Town manager Manny Deol explained since the Alberta Transportation program is for towns across the province, obtaining the grant is a matter of having the application accepted, with funds given anytime between 1985-1990.

"Whenever they (Alberta Transportation) commit themselves to us during that period is when we get the grant," said Deol. "They have to culminate it over five years."

The town already has a street upgrading plan with the total cost about \$1.2 million according to Deol.

He noted the Alberta Transportation grant coupled with the town's funding commitment would cover about half the cost.

"Some streets can be prioritized for upgrading," said Deol, adding a more detailed report will be presented at the next town council meeting Oct. 11.

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Recreation



Spruce Grove scored five times in the second half to win the championship.

Ceasars take 'B' side

Like last year, the Drayton Valley County spent the championship game of the Central Alberta Rural Town Soccer League in the stands watching their rivals take the glory.

An unlikely break in their first match against Whitecourt Marauders dropped the Ceasars to the tournament's 'B' side and an eventual consolation win against Hinton.

But consolation was all it was as Spruce Grove, storied past Marauders' 5-0 in the final at Lions Park Saturday.

"We never got going. It wasn't that they (Whitecourt) played much better, we just never got going," Ceasar Chris Kelly said.

Marauders scored in the second half on a high kick that slipped through goalkeeper Simon Kelly's hands.

Teammate Chris Brown agreed, "We had our regular slow start and

never rebounded. We lost, that's about all I can say."

Ceasars went on to beat Mayerthorpe 3-1 and then routed Hinton 5-0 in the consolation final.

For Spruce Grove, the win gives the team its first league championship after placing third last season behind now-defunct Stevy Plains and Whitecourt.

League and team awards were handed out Saturday night with Simon Kelly earning league MVP and a special achievement award for first goalkeeper to get 90 shutouts in a career. Julian Amnichelet top scorer and Ceasar Chris Kelly earned a second achievement for 28 career goals.

Team awards included Simon Kelly as MVP, Mark Buckland, Geir Rorstad and Dave Jackson as most improved players; Buckland as rookie of the year; Rod Decker as best offensive player; and Blake Little as best defensive player.



— Photos by Phil Courtenelle

Ceasars beat Hinton for the consolation final 5-0.

Flyers fold for year

With local interest at possibly an all time low, the Drayton Valley Flyers will take a year's leave of absence from the Central Alberta Hockey League senior division.

Flyer's President, Dave Meeks informed CAHL Governor Connie Anderson last Thursday the local club was unable to field a team for the 1984-85 season and will wait until next fall before trying again.

The Flyers join the Rocky Mountain House Rams and the Sylvan Lake Lakers as the third team to drop from the league, leaving the west division with only three teams this season.

"We'll take a year's leave of absence from the CAHL. That's about all we can do," Meeks said. "I don't know if there'll be interest then next year. It's quite possible we won't have a senior hockey club for a couple of years."

The decision came after only 13 players showed interest in joining the club at its tryout Sept. 25. "The reality and part of this is the people in the town have been really good sponsoring us. There's no question in my mind that we would have had adequate sponsors this year. But if you don't have the players, there's not much you can do."

"Players don't want to go out and sit on the bench. They want to play and in rec hockey it's pretty well understood everyone plays."

"We had perhaps we're seeing it as an evolution in hockey. It's becoming a sport where participation is the thing."



— Photos by Debbie Housack

Badminton goes with two nights

The Drayton Valley Badminton Club has started another season of play but with an all new executive at the helm, its exact plans haven't yet been worked out.

Club president Steve MacMillan says so far about 15 people are involved with the group, with Wednesday nights from 7:30 p.m. at Elementary H school open for play, as well as Thursdays at Frank Maddock school from 9-11 p.m.

"We're just getting started so it's hard to say what we'll do with both nights," says MacMillan, adding Wednesdays may be used for instructional purposes, depending on what club members want.

An invitational tournament in town is something MacMillan is also looking at.

"If we can get enough interest in the club in putting together a tournament, then we could have one," he says.

"Otherwise, we'll just have to take our competitive play to tour naments in other towns."

MacMillan notes chances are more people will join the badminton club once they're aware it's available.

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Nuclear awareness to be theme of organizational meeting

In an effort to get more heads aware of nuclear threat, a local group will hold a public meeting on the topic Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at H.W. Phipps school library.

The Phipps Institute for Appropriate Development is concerned with environment and peace issues, which having largely confined issues within its own circles now wants to move into a public awareness mode.

"We think the question of global nuclear threat should be discussed by a lot more people and not pretend it doesn't exist," explained institute member Bob Macintosh.

"It is a problem but there are things people can do," he said.

Macintosh noted when it comes to such issues, government officials are more likely to listen to a group, rather than individuals.

"The government will listen to concerns in direct proportion to the number of people talking," he said.

A community referendum in Drayton Valley supporting a nuclear freeze in Canada is something Macintosh felt could be beneficial.

"If people in Drayton Valley and around people in Alberta held referendums, I'd have more impact."

"I don't think the government would pursue it (nuclear freeze) without direction from the people."

Macintosh said the eight-member institute, which was formed last year primarily with people involved with the Phipps anti-war group who were frustrated with government handling of the Langmuir threat, is involved with other issues but has another threat to a major concern.

As for the community, Macintosh feels it's a benefit to have Joe Clark as external affairs minister, in this riding.

"A probable advantage in having Joe Clark in this constituency — he's definitely one of the more disarmament minded conservative politicians."

Macintosh said his group has voiced its concerns to Clark but still hopes for a larger local body to become involved.

"We just hope more people in the community will become aware of the opportunities that they

have to do something about the nuclear arm threat."

As this is the group's first attempt at holding a public information session, Macintosh is confident as to what the response will be but said any number of people attending will be a good sign.

"If you get 10 people that show up and they start something — that's great," he said. "What's important is that people look at the situation with an open mind."

The open meeting will feature short films regarding nuclear threat, followed by what Macintosh hopes will be lots of discussion.

"It's a starting point and we're not going to change the world in one meeting. But we begin to start a process where we can change the world if people take their responsibility seriously."

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Volleyball tournament set

The Frank Macdonald Warriors and Ammanos volleyball teams are gearing up for their invitational tournaments this weekend after both having been at disappointing out-of-town competitions.

The Warriors spent last weekend volleyballing for victory at a tournament at Great Macdonald Community College in Edmonton, but finished third in their division before losing to Okotoks in playoff action.

Coach Gord Tucker said he wasn't surprised by the Warriors' tournament showing.

"I didn't even expect us to win a game when I saw the teams we had to play against," he explained, noting the majority were from larger schools such as Archbishop Jordan of Sherwood Park and Paul Kane of Edmonton.

Okotoks beat out the Warriors in the playoffs by scores of 16-6 and 16-11, with the Warriors taking one victory with a seven-point spread.

The local team had better luck the previous weekend in Barrhead, bringing home first in the consolation match.

As well, a tournament at Bev Facer school in Sherwood Park Sept. 14, resulted in a second place showing for the Warriors, but Tucker wasn't optimistic as to if the team's streak will carry on this weekend.

"We can't have our expectations too high — the competition's really tough," he said, pointing out the presence of Edmonton's strong volleyball team, which has proven to be a threat.

As for the Ammanos, tournament play saw them at a competition put on by Great Macdonald

Community College Sept. 22, with less than reassuring results.

Coach Carl Paay said the girls did not win a game in round robin play all afternoon, losing in playoffs to Bonnyville with two 15-3 games.

"I expected to do much better than we did," noted Paay, pointing out a third overall finish at a tournament at Bev Facer school the previous weekend.

But the coach was optimistic about things to come.

"We're improving," he said. "I think the girls are quite eager and want to redeem themselves from last weekend."

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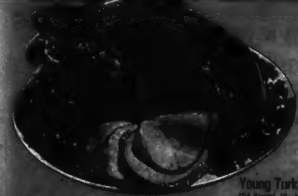
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Strong finish for locals in rodeo season

Four Drayton Valley cowboys earned top honors at the Wild Horse Amateur Rodeo Association Rodeo in Mayerthorpe last weekend.

In a rodeo for underdogs, second ranked Travis Sekura upset year-end point winner Glen Wankewich from Nordegg to win first in the saddle bronc during the four go rounds at Mayerthorpe Indoor Arena.

Likewise, Murray Reich, and team ropers Kirby Anderson and Dean Tutin managed to ignore protests to win the bull riding and team roping events. Reich finished eighth in the year-end scoring race while Anderson and Tutin finished seventh.

Tutin also won junior barrels.

Sekura and Reich both took home saddles while 10-year-old Anderson and 13-year-old Tutin won buckles. In all, more than \$13,000 was shared by the 11 event winners at the this year's final rodeo.

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Western Review Sports Results

Slow pitch results

While the good weather showed, the teams didn't in the slow pitch tournament this season. Only four local teams took to the fields at Lions Park last weekend for the annual tournament, won by Charlie Brown's Peanut Gang.

The Swamp Shovelers took second place with the Legendary Cooler Guards third and the Master Artists coming fourth.

Boxing starts

The Derrick Boxing Club is preparing for another season of ring action and coaches Lawrence and Ray Duperron have some 30 athletes registered. The club's first training session is scheduled Oct. 10 at Eldorado School gymnasium at 7 p.m.



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5. The Hambletonian Society's Breeders Crown, October 14. For 3-year-old colt pacers, with a purse estimated at \$750,000. Post time 1:30 p.m.



Poor weather postpones golf tournament

The unwelcome snowfall which covered the ground with a couple of inches of wet snow put a damper on the mixed golf tournament planned for Sept. 30 at the Fairways West Golf Course, and the winner to their golfing season which started May 30 to Sept. 4. There were 24 'fairway swingers' and eight 'golden swingers' and 35 men enjoying an evening a week on the golf course.

Although the golfing had to be postponed until the weather is more suitable, the banquet and trophy presentations went ahead as scheduled with 86 golfers and spouses at a dinner served at the Fairways West dining lounge.

Dwight Keegan, one of the four organizers the others were Rita Kelgren and Myles and Judy Melill made the presentations, with the first being made to Bob and Cecile Wannerstrom, owners and hosts of the event.

Margaret Dunn and Annie Capanik were the winners in the 'golden ladies' division.

Alder Flots News

by Bernice Johnson 388-3863

Team winners of the fairway swingers were Rita Kelgren, Linda Watson, Vickie Dunn and Joyce Hayduk.

Carol Clemmer — who never missed a game, was presented with a souvenir miniature golf bag.

Team winners in the men's section were Len Gunderson, Marvin Tushnet, Dale Melin and Tom Dunn.

Candee Hammond was the honored guest at a

bridal shower held Sept. 19 in the Alder Flats Legion Hall.

The bridal table featured a crocheted table centerpiece and a candle/flower arrangement done by Sherry Dusterhoff.

We extend best wishes to Candee and Wilfred Foster on their marriage Oct. 6.

William and Mary Zukowski returned home from a six week trip to Toronto, Ont. They stayed with her brother Bill and Anne Tushnet. Shortly after their arrival they took part in the surprise birthday and thirtieth anniversary celebration.

The 1st Alder Flats Brownie Pack are looking for interested persons in helping with beverages. They need someone to fill the positions of Tawny Owl and Snowy Owl. Experience is not necessary. If you can spare an afternoon 11/2 hours a week and would like to see this organization continue please call Pauline Zukowski at 388-2186 or Debbie Roberts at 388-2207.

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Fish and wildlife officer Don Ostrychuk pressed the charges Sept. 21 after the incident five days earlier in the Bush Creek area.

Johnson will make a first appearance in Breton provincial court on Oct. 10.

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Alberta ministers sail past holiday criticism

By Sheila Pratt and Kathy Kerr
The Alberta cabinet sailed through criticism of its holiday season over the travel plans of ministers' spouses.

Cabinet members and their spouses were flying off in droves following the return of Social Services Minister Neil Waddell and his wife Dorothy from their controversial visit to Europe on the taxpayer's bill.

All of the trips have involved business or official functions and none of the ministers offered any apology for their decisions to take spouses for "protocol" reasons, or as informal consultants, on the trips.

Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Jim Horman took his wife Betty to the premiers' conference in Charlottetown, P.E.I. last month.

Premier Peter Lougheed went to the same meeting with his wife Jeanne, who often accompanies him on out-of-province trips.

As though anticipating the summer's flurry of protests from the opposition about the practice, Horman defended spousal travel as far back as

last April, when he said during legislative debate that it is essential Mrs. Lougheed accompany the premier and often important for ministers' wives to do the same, particularly if invited to the event in question.

Horman, however, did not take his wife with him for celebrations he attended last month in Alberta's twin province in South Korea.

Dr. Ian Reid, Alberta's solicitor general, says he is taking his wife Anne to England to study facilities for juvenile offenders as an "unpaid consultant."

Although she won't get a paycheck for her role providing a "humanistic" view of the juvenile justice system in Britain, some of her travel expenses will be picked up by the taxpayers, Reid admits.

Public Affairs Minister Bill Payne headed to Toronto with his wife to open Alberta's pavilion at the Canadian National Exhibition early in August. As host of the opening reception, she had an important protocol function to perform, according to a spokesman in the premier's office.

The final dollar figures for all the trips will

have to be asked for in the legislature during the fall session, because the details don't appear in the government's public accounts documents.

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Recreation grant receives mixed reaction

While county officials are generally pleased with the province's new cultural and recreation grant, it has produced a mixed reaction from the town recreation director.

"My initial reaction to it looks like a decent program, but I think we like it more to look at how it will apply to our community," Dennis Wosley said Friday.

"There appears to be a great deal more flexibility than what the government has shown to date (but it is difficult for us to say whether it's black or white; good or bad).

Parks Minister Peter Tryph's announcement to the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association convention in Calgary Sept. 26 outlined a funding scheme to assist planning and operational costs as well as construction. According to the announcement, the program will supply up to 60 per cent of yearly funding for operating with 30 per cent matching funds. Up to 75 per cent of the annual funding is allowed for construction on a 50-50 matching system.

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explained, adding any interpretation of the new program would be speculative until application guidelines are fully developed.

"Some administrative policies have to be put in place, a policy saying where the grants are going and how they are to be distributed."

The main beneficiary of the program will be "program concrete" projects through the availability of programming and operational funds, Wosley continued. "If a local group wants to build a structure, all the time and work that went into planning that project is now fundable."

But the town is in a different situation than the county in that "we're trying to get out of the

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program mode, and the funding puts more emphasis on programming."

At the same time, the program will increase the number of the recreation department's employees that must be involved with the funding decisions — the recreation board, town council, Wosley continued.

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Wildlife biologist Chris Olsen will use at least two traps this winter to catch elk and will then fit the animals with a radio collar for tracking.

Looking for wapiti, searching for answers

By Phil Cartwright
For Chris Olsen the next two years will supply some answers to a number of important wildlife questions concerning wapiti in the Transcanadian Range.

And those answers could alter previous recreational and resource thinking about the area's elk population — a subject which, until now, has had only limited study.

Quiet and unassuming, Olsen is a 31-year-old masters student from the University of Alberta, and has undertaken the study for both academic and personal reasons. Due to the nature of the study he'll spend the majority of the next 21 months doing on-site field work, tracking and mapping wildlife habitat within a proposed 30 kilometre radius bordered by the Burness and Elk rivers southwest of Lethbridge.

Academically he will complete his masters thesis entitled "Critical Resources of Wapiti in the Boreal Foothills Region of Alberta," a paper which will detail the animals' environment, eating habits and migratory trends in relation to previous resource development.

According to Olsen, the region's wildlife has undergone changes — foraging habits for example — in recent times due to petroleum and pipeline construction and other resource developments. As well, all activity in the area has created a vast network of roads and seismic lines which allow further recreational pursuits previously unavailable.

Using state-of-the-art tracking equipment and telemetry techniques, Olsen will gather data almost exclusively through field work during the summer and winter months. Living out of a small trailer several kilometres from his study area, he hopes to trap about 10 elk during the winter and fit them with radio collars.

At present, he has two traps about seven



Olsen will spend most of the next 21 months doing field work on his thesis.

kilometres apart. Now closed for the duration of the hunting season, the traps will enable the wildlife biologist to translocate the animal and attach the collar.

Olsen's justification for the two-year study, which began last June, is a complex mix of scientific and scientific values stemming from his university education and rural upbringing.

Resource and recreational development is accelerating in the boreal foothills (intervention by man may be required if healthy populations of wapiti are to be maintained), Olsen notes in his 10-page study proposal, submitted to

the Alberta Fish and Game Association last February.

"Critical habitat and forage requirements, and their traditional pattern of usage, must be identified before boreal foothills wapiti can be assured of survival," the proposal outlines.

Based at Alder Flats, Olsen has spent a great deal of his time pursuing outdoor activities, from simple life trips to hunting and fishing, and has almost labored a protective attitude towards wildlife and the environment.

"There's still here — there's always been elk here — but what we don't know is why they're here," Olsen says. "I hope to be able to provide some information to enhance their population."

"To me, it's important to know now what's important to elk, so what you go on to detailing (wildlife) planning, you have the information."

In his proposal, Olsen also writes: "Few people are unmoved by the fierce beauty of wapiti bugling at dawn or dusk, fewer still by the sight of a herd, with newborn calf, in their natural environment. Large numbers of Albertans are seeking this opportunity now that it is accessible, away from the constraints and the crowding of national parks."

Governed by a personal work-ethic — Olsen left home for the Arctic when he was 16 and experienced a variety of labor-intensive jobs, before beginning university at age 21 — he doesn't expect revolutionary answers to his questions. In fact, he expects nearly the opposite.

"The study may simply sit on a shelf and gather dust," Olsen says, but at least the information has been obtained.

"If nothing else, at least I'll have the university degree."

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By Ray Leitchburg

As well as enjoying track and field Deryk hopes to become a member of the H.W. Pickup volleyball team.

A resident of Drayton Valley for eight years, he's also lived in Edmonton, Calgary and Saskatoon. "I don't remember much about the city life because I was just a baby, but I know I like Drayton because there isn't as much violence as in

Deryk enjoys going to movies at the local theatre and his favorite movies are martial art productions. He says he enjoys them because they are "action packed." The latest movie he has seen

was Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom. According to Deryk it was a fantastic movie with lots of action and good drama.

Deryk's hobbies include skiing at the Drayton Ski Hill and Big White in B.C., golfing, and riding in the family dune buggy. Deryk wishes it was still summer, or at least warmer weather so he could ride his go-cart and motorcycle.

At home he helps with the housework and is rewarded with "disspan hands." In the evening he watches some T.V. His favorite television shows are the comedies: "Three's Company," "Mork & Mladinoff," and "A Choke Rock." When

he isn't watching T.V. Deryk plays with his computer. He has made 27 programs, most of them video games, and a variety of others from an instruction manual he has.

His pit is a wolf that had six puppies (two and husky cross). Deryk told us that in the past five years he and his family have had 48 different dogs. Deryk says that he and his family are staying at home for the Thanksgiving weekend.

Derek Hamilton is in Grade 7.

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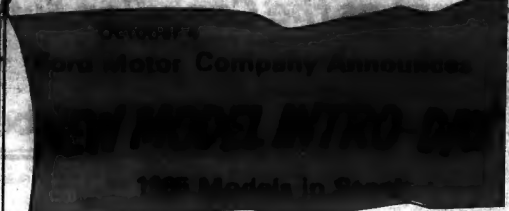
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Chamber kicks off 1985 season

After a runaway success with the fall trade fair the Drayton Valley Chamber of Commerce is mounting its monthly meetings starting Thursday. The Chamber's first general meeting was held last night for 90 guests. The Chamber's Motor Inn and president Chad Nichols expects a large turnout.

"We've had an average of 100 people at past meetings," said Nichols, noting participation has been a changeover likely from previous years when only one quarter of that number turned out. Since this is the first general meeting of the 1984 year, Nichols said numerous topics are slated for discussion.

A crude fair report will be given and representatives of the Alberta Senior Games are slated to

appear while Chamber happenings of last year will also be discussed.

As well, the possibility of holding a winter carnival in Drayton Valley will be on the meeting agenda.

"It is a winter carnival will really be based on what our members think but there shouldn't be any problem in getting it off the ground," said Nichols.

He pointed out the meeting is not limited to Chamber members but is open to the public.

"Our meetings are fairly informal but fairly successful," said Nichols.

Tickets for the dinner meeting are available at the door or from Chamber members for \$10 per person.

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Black powder costumes and old fashioned guns were the scene of the Tumbler's Frontiersmen Association.

Men black powder shoot. Photo by Debbie Hunsch

Black powder meet draws enthusiasts

The stuttering of lead bullets could be heard in the distance as the stench of gunpowder hung in the air.

But it was all in fun and all a symbol of tradition as the Tumbler's Frontiersmen Association held its 11th annual black powder shoot Saturday, east of the town.

About 20 shooters participated in the "ranger" shoot, which although a smaller number than last year, was what the group was looking for.

"We're trying to go more primitive," explained club member Cheryl Kergan.

For the number of active members in the club we found the number of shooters attending too much to handle, as to have it down, this is the direction we decided to go.

All those participating in the shoot were required to wear traditional dress with buckskin, fur hats and bow-tie decoration.

Shooters also had to have shooting pinches, adding to the traditional aspect of the event.

"We're catering to a special group of shooter," said Kergan, noting in last year's contest only about half the participants were in costume.

But why would someone want to go through all that trouble, just for the sake of some old fashioned powder shooting?

Kergan said it's all part of reliving the past in a social atmosphere.

"They had these competitions in the olden days to see who was best," she explained. "We're trying to recreate an authentic get together and trying to reproduce the sport of black powder shooting with muzzle loading guns."

And obviously, the old ways still hold great importance to some, with shooters having come from as far as Saskatchewan, Ontario and all.

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Theater club calls for cast

By Carol Dietrich

More amateur theater productions are in store for Drayton Valley audiences as the D.V. Players gear up for the 1984-85 season which began Oct. 2.

Plans for their first production, a two-act play called "The Hand That Cradles The Rock," are underway. It is a comedy about a young couple experiencing role reversal -- the wife is working and the husband stays at home as the housewife.

Auditions for the play were held Tuesday with rehearsals scheduled for Oct. 11 under the direction of Jan Johnston.

"Hopefully we will present the play as a dinner theatre production on the last weekend in November," said president Brenda Preston.

Future production plans include a melodrama some time after Christmas and a full-length drama in April.

"We're really quite enthusiastic about the dinner theatre because we've never done one before. It will be nice to give people the opportunity to see it."

At present, the D.V. Players have a membership of 10. "We would like to see a lot more people coming out," she said.

Aside from taking acting roles, members of the group can help with duties such as lighting, set building, prompting, stage managing and wardrobe.

"It is strictly amateur. There is no membership fee, people can just come. We would love more members."

"We are looking for people who really want to do it, people who are really keen."

"It's something that gets under your skin. It can be really time consuming. But you like to do it for yourself and for the community."

However she added, "You can't do it without an audience."

D.V. Players have been in existence for about eight years. "It started with four or five people who were really interested in amateur theatre."

Members range in age from high school students to adults.